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Mr. Niels Haubold  
Umetco Minerals Corporation  
P.O. Box 1029  
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Dear Mr. Haubold:

Re: Wilson-Silverbell Mine, M/037/027, and Deremo Mine, M/037/025, San Juan County.

Frank Filas and Holland Shepherd of the Division, visited your Wilson-Silverbell and Deremo mine sites on March 15, 1988. They noticed that some major construction activity and associated disturbance had recently taken place. Much of this having to do with the a newly constructed evaporation pond.

Mr. Filas and Mr. Shepherd expressed some concern about the amount of surface area disturbed and the lack of topsoil stockpiles. During your conversation with Mr. Shepherd on March 29th, you indicated that much of the topsoil material scraped from this area has been used to construct the embankments of the new evaporation pond. The use of topsoil material in the construction of this facility, does not present a problem as long as it will be used for final reclamation when the mine is deactivated, and as long as the topsoil can be protected from erosion during the interim. Mr. Shepherd suggests seeding the embankments of the pond with the seed mixture described in your plan, excluding the shrubs. He also suggests seeding disturbed areas where viable soil material is still present, and which will not be likely redisturbed in the near future.

The Division at this time will release Umetco from any further reclamation obligation for the 1.1 acre pond at your Deremo site. After visiting your Deremo mine site, on the same date as above, Mr. Shepherd has indicated to me that the grading and revegetation looked satisfactory and meets the requirements of Rule M-10(12).

If you need any further information please contact either Holland Shepherd or myself.

Sincerely,

Lowell Braxton  
Administrator, Mineral Resource  
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cc: Holland Shepherd